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Title: A MEDIUM COMPOSITION, METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SELECTIVELY ENHANCING THE ISOLATION OF ANAEROBIC

MICROORGANISMS CONTAINED IN A MIXED SAMPLE WITH FACULTATIVE

MICROORGANISMS

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Dear Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

This Amendment is being filed in response to an Office Action dated October 16, 2003. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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